

"Homer's New Neighbor"

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- We open with a TV commercial, a parody of a really spectacular, slick computer ad, like the Apple ones they have during the Super Bowl. It features some amazing computer.
- Lisa really wants a computer and tries to convince Homer to buy one for the family, but they just don't have enough money.
- Meanwhile, Flanders comes by and drops off a flyer for the Evergreen Terrace Neighbors Association Yard Sale, that Saturday.
-It's a community yard sale, with all the people on the block getting together to sell stuff.
- Homer doesn't want to be involved, because he thinks all the neighbors are creeps.
Marge: "You don't even know the neighbors, Homer."
Homer: "Sure I do. There's Flanders, that lady you like, and um, um, that nice Chinese couple..."
Marge: "There's no Chinese couple."
- Homer insists that he knows the neighborhood better than Marge. He takes the flyers from Flanders and says he and Marge'll distribute them.
- Homer and Marge go up and down the street with the flyers and we see a couple of funny neighbors, many who clearly hate or are afraid of Homer.
- They go to one house that has a big fence and "No Trespassing" signs. They knock on the door, it opens, and there's a nothing inside but an elevator. They get in and go down 500 feet where there's two Air Force guys in a missile silo. Homer tells them they're having a yard sale.
- On Saturday, we see the community yard sale. This is our big set piece. We see all the neighbors selling various funny items.
-Simpsons are selling old useless crap.

-Homer trying to swindle people, selling bags of trash as "Grab Bags"
(Boys Grab Bag, Girls Grab Bag)

-Maybe the missile silo guys are selling old military hardware.

-Homer: "Who would ever buy that thing?"

-We see George Bush buying it.

- We see Flanders selling a lot of Flanders-y style square stuff, like an old argyle sweater.

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- Flanders is also selling his old personal computer. (Flanders just bought the new one from the commercial.)

-It's a complete pile of crap from 1981, with big floppy disks, huge console, etc.

- Homer buys it as gift for the kids for \$15.

- We have a few more cutaways of George Bush, until the Simpsons actually make a comment and people react to George Bush being there.

- Flanders goes over and talks to George Bush. We see a big moving van pull up to the house across the street from the Simpsons, and George Bush reveals that he and Barbara are trying to get away from it all and assume a normal life again. They are moving to Springfield.

- Homer's reaction.

ACT TWO

- Homer has taken an instant dislike to George Bush. We see Homer peering out the window at Bush's house, saying "Look at him! He thinks just because he was President, he can do anything..."

-We see George Bush calmly mowing his lawn.

- Lisa and Bart start exploring their new computer. When they turn it on, it

says some old thing like "Hello Ned Flanders. Today is March 3, 1984."

- Maybe Lisa is excited about typing out some note on the computer, but it takes forever and prints out really slowly. Marge writes the note by hand in 30 secs.

- The first thing Bart wants to do is hack, break into the Pentagon, etc. He thinks he can do something just by typing it.

- He types "Blow Up Police Station", worries about it, debates whether he should hit "Enter" or not, then finally does. He is worried and feels very guilty about it for awhile. But then it just beeps and says "SYNTAX ERROR."

- He tries to break into the school computer, but it's really difficult even to get the thing working at all. He has no idea how to even go about it and gets quickly frustrated.

- Meanwhile, George Bush starts popping up everywhere Homer goes and getting on Homer's nerves.

- George Bush goes jogging in the morning with his two Secret Service guys and is infuriatingly perky when he sees Homer.

- George Bush gets in front of Homer at the Drive-Thru and can't make up his mind.

- Homer is relieved that he won't have to see George Bush when he goes to work, but when he gets there, Burns is introducing Bush as the new Safety Supervisor, Homer's direct superior.

- Burns: "Mr. Bush has quite an impressive background. He has long history in the oil business, and he even served in the U.S. House of Representatives."

- Bush: "I was also President from 1988 to 1992."

- Burns: "...Yes."

- Maybe Bush institutes some policy that angers Homer.

- Maybe they have to car pool together.

- Bart and Lisa try to play some really bad old games on the computer.

- (Adventure Games.) They quickly get bored and starts typing rude things.

- >SCREW OFF COMPUTER

>I do not know how to screw the off computer

>GET BENT

> The "bent" is not in this room.

>GET LOST STUPID

>The stupid is not lost

- Bart gets fed up with the computer and decides he's going to do something else. He goes across the street to George Bush's house.

- He starts going over there all the time and becomes Dennis the Menace to George Bush's Mr. Wilson.

-Bart: "Hellloooo, Mr. Bush!"

-Bush: (GRUMBLE)

- Bart thinks he can walk into the Bush's house any time. Bush thinks he's a real nuisance, but Barbara is nice to him.

-Bart, looking through their kitchen cabinet: "Hey, don't you have any candy in here?"

-Bush: "No! Now why don't you run along?"

-Barbara: "Bart, older people don't eat as much candy, but if you like, I could make you some cookies."

-Bush: "No! Bar, don't make him any...! No!" (STORMS OFF)

- Bart constantly walks in when Bush is taking a bath, etc. He walks in when Bush is entertaining a guest and is just like Dennis the Menace.

-Bart: "Hey, Mr. Bush, I came to see that old fossil you were talking about."

-Bush: "Er, Bart, I'd like you to meet Margaret Thatcher..."

- Bush does not like Bart and is never nice to him. Bart likes Bush, and doesn't really understand that Bush dislikes him.

- Finally, one day Bart is in Bush's study and makes a big mess and wrecks a lot of the historic papers that Bush was trying to get together for his Presidential Library. Bush explodes.

-Bush: "That is it!"

-An infuriated Bush storms in. He takes Bart over his knee and spanks him.

-Bush: "You're a bad boy! A bad, bad boy!"

-Then "Now go home. I'm going to call your mother right now and tell her what you did!"

- Bart is shocked and runs home, to see Marge on the phone with Bush. She is quite irked that a neighbor spanked her son without her permission. Bush doesn't see anything wrong with it.

- When Homer hears about the spanking, it's the last straw. He's enraged and storms out of the house to confront Bush. He only gets about 1/3 of the way across the street when he's stopped by a very calm Secret Service agent.

-Agent: "Where are you going, sir?"

-Homer: "I'm going to punch George Bush in the face!"

-Agent: "Is his expecting you?"

- The agent escorts Homer back into the Simpson house, where Homer leans furiously out the window and yells "I'm going to get you, Bush!"

We end on a slightly confused Bush looking timidly out his window at Homer.

ACT THREE

- Homer declares war on George Bush. He insists that he's somehow going to get even with this guy.

- With Bart's help, that evening they play a lot of childish pranks on George Bush.

- They put a flaming bag of dog-doo on his porch and ring the doorbell and run off. The Secret Servicemen valiantly throw themselves on the bag to protect Bush.

- They order 30 pizzas which Bush has to pay for. We later see George and Barbara sitting inside, glumly eating the pizzas.

- Later, they shot bottle rockets out of Bart's window at the Bushes house. George Bush storms out in his bathrobe and angrily runs over to the Simpson house and rings the doorbell. They dump garbage on him.

- Homer yells at him to apologize for spanking Bart. Bush refuses. He insists he's going to call the police, but Barbara talks him out of it, saying he shouldn't do that to their neighbors.

- Bush says fine, if he wants trouble, he'll get trouble. He's tangling with the wrong guy. Bush was quite a "live wire" when he was in college, etc.

- Homer and Bart continue to harass Bush in various ways, and Bush attempts to fight back, but he's pretty lame and can only come up with pathetic things that sometimes backfire.

- He forces himself to stay up really late at night and call Homer and wake him up, but then can't think of anything to say when Homer gets on the line.

- He draws a huge, mean cartoon of Homer and Bart on a sheet that says "Two Bad Neighbors" and hangs it out his upstairs window, but no one can figure out what it is.

- He puts a banana in Homer's tailpipe to stall out the car. When Homer starts the car, the banana rockets out and shoots through one of Bush's windows.

- Barbara and Marge commiserate. Marge realized Bush probably was right to spank Bart. They both apologize for their stubborn husbands.

- Then, at work, their fight continues. They shove each other in the cafeteria line.

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- They create some trouble, and Burns has to call both of them into his office and give them a lecture. George Bush tries to explain, but Burns won't hear it.

- At home, the war escalates. Homer stands on his front lawn with big speakers blaring heavy metal music at Bush's house. Simultaneously, Bush stands on his front lawn with a megaphone yelling at Homer.

- Finally, one day, they both independently decide to sneak through the storm

drain and wreak havoc with each other's plumbing. They see each other in the middle of the drain and there's a confrontation. They start to wrestle and somehow come out of the manhole just as Mikhail Gorbachev is arriving to visit Bush. A horrified Gorbachev sees Bush covered with muck and flailing at Homer.

GORBACHEV: Good lord!

- Barbara runs out and is shocked and angry at George for behaving this way. She absolutely insists that George apologize to Homer on the spot.

- George really doesn't want to. He doesn't want to show any weakness in front of the Russians.

- She insists.

- He apologizes grudgingly and Gorbachev nods approvingly.

- Their war is over.

- The next day, the movers are there loading up the Bushes possessions.

Barbara and Marge are talking, saying they're sorry it didn't work out.

Barbara says George felt this neighborhood had a bad effect on him.

- George Bush is in the car angrily honking the horn for Barbara to hurry up.

- They pull away.

- A beat later, another moving van pulls up to the house. Another car drives up and Nixon gets out and begins walking around the property.

- Homer is really impressed that a President is going to move in.

- Nixon comes up to introduce himself to the Simpsons and asks if Homer likes football and would like a cold beer.

- It clear that they're going to be really good friends as Homer goes into the house with Nixon, really impressed.

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